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LOK SABHA

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OPENING OF DUTY FREE SHOPS AT MAJOR PORTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to open duty free shops at major ports along with cruise facility to attract tourists;

(b) if so, the names of the ports selected for such purpose;

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard; and

(d) the time by which the facilities are likely to be provided at major ports?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) to (d): There is no restriction in opening of duty free shops in the Major Ports provided the applicant has taken all the necessary approvals from the appropriate authorities and has also obtained land on lease for this specific purpose from the concerned Port. The draft cruise shipping policy provides for development of the cruise facilities in the ports in a phased manner.